

SOLUTIONS

Text of the Resolutions
passed by Statehood Con-
vention at Oklahoma
City.

BUSINESS REASONS

Dominant Thought in the
work of the Greatest Conven-
tion Ever Held in the
Twin Territories.

The people of Oklahoma
the Indian Territory, assem-
bled in a delegate convention for the
purpose of giving organized ex-
pression to our desires for state-
hood, again we declare to the con-
gress that we favor the creation of
a state out of the area now em-
braced within both these terri-
tories, and we most emphatically
endorse the single statehood pro-
posed in the Nelson bill, known
as the Nelson bill. This bill is in
substantial conformity to the views we ex-
pressed in our single statehood
convention held at South McAlester
in December, 1900, and the
convention held at Muskogee in
January, 1901, and the conven-
tion held at Claremore in Decem-
ber, 1902. All those conventions,
as well as this one, were, and are,
representative of the business in-
terests of both territories, and were,
and are, the organized expression
of the desire of the people of both
territories for immediate single
statehood upon terms of justice
and equality to the people of both
territories. We endorse the plat-
form adopted by those earlier con-
ventions, and we now quote with
approval the following extract
from the resolutions adopted by
the Claremore convention:

"First. Because both territories
have the soil, resources, and cli-
mate to sustain this population and
insure large and steady increase.
"Second. Because both territories
have the necessary population, each
having about 500,000, 90 per cent.
of whom are American citizens.
"Third. Because both territories
are ready for statehood.
"Fourth. Because congress has
the legal right to grant statehood,
not only to Oklahoma, but also to
the Indian Territory (Thomas vs.
Gay, 169 U. S. 264).
"Fifth. Because both territories
have the necessary population, each
having about 500,000, 90 per cent.
of whom are American citizens.
"Sixth. Because both territories
have the soil, resources, and cli-
mate to sustain this population and
insure large and steady increase.
"Seventh. Because both have
sufficient taxable property to sup-
port a state government without
excessive taxation.
"Eighth. Because the work of
the Dawes commission has been
so nearly completed as to no longer
interfere with immediate state-
hood; that commission has con-
cluded treaties with all the Indian
tribes providing for the allotment
in severalty of their lands, and
authorizing the sale of all except
the homestead. These allotments
will probably be completed by the
time a state government can be
organized. The lands of the Creek
and Seminole nations have all
been allotted.

"In the Cherokee, Choctaw and
Chickasaw nations the lands have
all been surveyed and classified,
and the work of allotment is now
simply clerical and should be com-
pleted within twelve months. The
mineral and asphalt lands of the
Choctaw and Chickasaw nations
are to be sold by the Secretary of
the Interior, and as soon as sold
will, of course, be taxable. It
therefore is beyond controversy
that the work of the Dawes com-
mission no longer interferes with
statehood, and that there is abun-
dantly of taxable property.

"Ninth. Congress can reserve
such power over Indian affairs as
it desires, and statehood will in no
wise interfere with the free action
of the Interior department in carry-
ing out all the treaties between the
government and the several tribes.
In this decision we are supported
by a recent holding of Judge House
Townsend, of the southern district
of the Indian Territory."

We urge upon the attention of
Congress the fact that it is not a
question as to whether these two
territories shall be united, but

whether they shall be divided.
Thousands upon thousands of our
citizens have moved into both ter-
ritories, relying upon past legisla-
tion and the future wisdom of Con-
gress as insuring no division of
these two territories upon the ar-
rival of ultimate statehood.

"Section 1 of the act of May 1,
1890 (26 Statutes at Large, 81),
known as the organic act, creating
Oklahoma territory, contains the
following provision: 'Any other
lands within the Indian Territory
not embraced within these bounds
shall hereafter become a part of
the territory of Oklahoma, when-
ever the Indian nation or tribe
owning such lands shall signify to
the President of the United States,
in legal manner its assent that
such lands shall become a part of
said territory of Oklahoma, and
the President thereupon make
proclamation to that effect.'

Oklahoma as it exists today is
the aggregate of various purchases
from the several Indian Tribes,
which have been opened to settle-
ment at intervals; running from
the 22nd day of April, 1889, to
the first day of August, 1901, and
in view of the legislation quoted
and the history of the organization
of Oklahoma, it has been our well
grounded belief that the congress
would never divide the people of
these two territories or undertake
to create two states within their
borders. We now feel that the
passage of the Nelson bill is but a
fulfillment of the original promise
arising out of the history of Okla-
homa and the Indian Territory,
and that it is but a simple act of
justice to the one million Ameri-
can citizens now living within our
borders.

The creation of two states out of
our Territory, and the passage of
the Omnibus bill with the subse-
quent attachment to Oklahoma of
the Indian Territory, are two
calamities viewed with equal ab-
horrence by the fair minded non-
partisan business interests of both
territories. To pass the Omnibus
bill; thus giving to one-half of our
common territory the right to
frame the organic law and organi-
ze the state government and lo-
cate all public institutions and
then to attach the other half of
our common territory with equal
population, equal taxable wealth
and equal resources, is an act of
such gross and palpable injustice
to that half of the people so to be
attached, that we cannot believe
the statesmanship of the United
States senate will ever consent to
its perpetration.

We declare to the congress that
this question of statehood is one
affecting our future destiny as a
part of the Great American Union
and we appeal to the members of
that body, and to the President
of the United States, to consider
the case upon its merits and dis-
engage it from all entangling al-
liances so that justice may be ad-
ministered to a million people
whose future wealth and standing
as an American commonwealth is
of infinitely more importance than
temporary party advantage of any
unwise sectional gain resulting
from an increased number of
United States senators.

"Finally, we affirm, as our de-
liberate and final declaration that,
so far as the interests of Oklahoma
and Indian Territory are affected
by the omnibus bill, we are unal-
terably opposed to its provisions,
and we prefer absolutely no state-
hood legislation to the passage of
that bill.

"By act of Congress passed more
than two years ago, all the Indians
in the Indian Territory are made
citizens of the United States and
their competency for the burdens
and duties of statehood is common
with the other inhabitants in that
territory has been settled.

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PITH AND POINT.

Experience is chiefly valuable in
showing us what not to do.—Indian-
apolis News.

"She's made a fool of that young
fellow." "Well, she didn't have to
economize on the raw material."—
Baltimore American.

Marriage is a failure when both
husband and wife make the discovery
that they have married beneath
them.—Chicago Daily News.

There is no denying that the world
is beautiful, if some one you dislike
is not obstructing your vision.—At-
chison Globe.

Wanted to Know.—Teacher—"Years
ago the kingdom of Spain ran clear
around the world." Tommy—"Who
chased it?"—Detroit Free Press.

Not as Yet.—"She claims that is all
her own complexion." "And isn't it?"
"Why, no; I know, her druggist, and
she had it charged to her husband."—
Philadelphia Bulletin.

"How is your brother making out?"
"Oh, he's doing a flourishing busi-
ness." "Ah, indeed!" "Yes, he's a
professional card-writer."—Philadel-
phia Record.

"Now, then," said the teacher,
"you've heard the explanation of heat
and cold. Can you tell me what is
light, Tommy?" "My ma says that
most everything is that you buy by
weight."—Philadelphia Press.

Preparations.—"Is you got a razor
you could len' me to shave marse?"
asked Mr. Erastus Plinkney. "I've
gwine to de palty to-night." "What's
de matter wif yoh own razor?" "Well,
you see, I jes' got it stropped up fine
dis afternoon, an' I hates to dull de
edge."—Washington Post.

Most Considerate.—She was not
one of these trouble-making women.
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tempt for people of that kind. She
said so herself. "And she spoke of
you, too," she said, in telling a friend
of a call she had made. "What did
she say?" "Oh, I'd rather not tell
you, dear. There's no use making
trouble, you know."—Chicago Post.

Single Tax in Operation.

On the east coast of Vancouver is-
land, in British Columbia, the flour-
ishing town of Nanaimo, with its
6,000 inhabitants, has no tax for mu-
nicipal purposes save one on land
values, levied alike on occupied and
unoccupied land, according to the or-
thodox interpretation of the single
tax theory. The town is a miners'
town, where the doctrine of "three
acres and a cow" is almost univer-
sally realized, as well as that of "every
man his own house owner." For this
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and land in the neighborhood are
largely responsible.—N. Y. Sun.

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ingly well arranged and decorated.
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finishing from end to end, each plat-
form being completely covered with
rubber mats and well lighted, form-
ing an avenue the full length of the
train. The leading color is a pleas-
ing shade of green, inside and out,
with rich cathedral glass ventilators
and heavy plate glass windows. The
reclining chairs and seats are or-
namented in velvet plush and the
smoking compartments and toilet
rooms are equipped with leather
covered high back seats. The inside
finishing is in finished oak, with full
width french bevel mirrors at each
end and the floors are covered with Wil-
ton carpets, the whole blending into
a delicate and attractive shade of
green. One of the most interesting
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windows are adjusted by simply press-
ing a spring, without the tugging and
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dence in the good faith of Senators
Beveridge, Nelson and others in
their efforts to secure statehood for
the two territories, on terms of
absolute equality, at the earliest
moment, and denounce as a sub-
terfuge the charge that their efforts
in urging single statehood is to
prevent all statehood legislation
in the present Congress."

C. B. AMES, Chairman.
F. F. LAMB, Secretary.

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